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TAGS:UNGA, CB, PEPR, PROR, VM

SUBJECT:POSITION ON GOVERNMENT OF KAMPUCHEA

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. FOLLOWING IS FOR POSTS' BACKGROUND SHOULD QUESTION

OF US POSITION ON GOVERNMENT OF KAMPUCHEA ARISE IN

DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS.

3. THE USG HAS NOT RECOGNIZED AND DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE
RECOGNITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA.

(GDK) HEADED BY POL POT, WHICH WE HAVE DENOUNCED IN
VARIOUS FORA AS THE WORLD'S WORST RECENT VIOLATOR OF
HUMAN RIGHTS. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE RECOGNITION HAS

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NOT BEEN ACCORDED AND QUESTIONS ARISE WHICH WOULD COMPEL
US TO TAKE A POSITION, WE TAKE ACCOUNT OF UN PRECEDENT
AND PRACTICE.

4. THE GDK'S REPRESENTATIVES WERE RECOGNIZED AS REPRESENTATIVE
OF STATE OF KAMPUCHEA BY THE CREDENTIALS

COMMITTEE OF THE 33RD UNGA (AS HAD BEEN DONE BY THREE
PREVIOUS COMMITTEES). CREDENTIALS OF GDK REP (PRINCE
NORODOM SIHANOUK) WERE APPROVED AS "IN ORDER"

BY SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM FOR JAN-11-15 SECURITY
COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS (OVER THE OBJECTIONS OF THE USSR,
WHOSE MOTION TO DEFER SC CONSIDERATION OF VIETNAM
INVASION OF KAMPUCHEA WAS DEFEATED 13-2). SUBSEQUENTLY

THE GDK DELEGATION WAS SEATED AT RESUMED UNGA SESSION.

5. INDICATIONS ARE THAT A CREDENTIALS CHALLENGE MAY BE
IN THE OFFING. IN A TELEGRAM DATED PHNOM PENH JAN 27,

TRANSMITTED TO THE SYG UNDER COVER OF A FEB 2 LETTER
FROM VIETNAM'S PERMREP, THE FONMIN OF THE VIETNAM-

BACKED "PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KAMPUCHEA" (PRK) ASSERTED
THE RIGHT TO REPRESENT KAMPUCHEA AT THE UN AND STATED

THAT A PERMANENT PRK DELEGATION WILL BE SENT TO NEW

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YORK (DEPARTMENT IS AS YET UNAWARE OF VISA APPLICATION BY SUCH A DELEGATION).

6. IT IS OUR POSITION THAT THE PRK WAS IMPOSED UPON THE KAMPUCHEAN PEOPLE BY FORCE OF ARMS OF AN OUTSIDE POWER (I.E. VIETNAM), IN VIOLATION OF THE NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE UN CHARTER. MOREOVER, THAT IMPOSITION IS BEING BITTERLY CONTESTED BY ARMED RESISTANCE OF GDK FORCES. WHILE THE USG HOLDS NO BRIEF FOR THE GDK BECAUSE OF ITS HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES, AS

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BETWEEN PRK AND GDK, WE DO CONSIDER GDK TO BE CURRENT REPRESENTATIVE OF STATE OF KAMPUCHEA IN INTERNATIONAL FORA.

7. IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THE PRK MAY BEGIN MAKING BIDS TO REPLACE THE GDK AT VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS (AT BANGKOK RECENTLY, FOR EXAMPLE, A MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PRK BY THE SECRETARIAT OF THE UN'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP) ASSERTING SUCH A RIGHT; ESCAP CITED UN PRECEDENT AND, IN THE EVENT, NO PRK DELEGATION APPEARED).

8. SHOULD SUCH QUESTIONS ARISE IN CONNECTION WITH INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS OR IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS, ADDRESSEES SHOULD NOT TAKE THE LEAD IN ARGUING THE CASE FOR THE GDK BUT SHOULD STATE IF ASKED: THAT THE USG WOULD LIKE TO SEE A GOVERNMENT TOTALLY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE, WHICH WE DO NOT BELIEVE TO BE THE CASE FOR EITHER THE PRK OR THE GDK; THAT WE OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT TO RECOGNIZE THE PRK; AND THAT WE WOULD SUPPORT, RELUCTANTLY, THE CREDENTIALS OF THE GDK AS, RELATIVE TO THE PRK, THE GOVERNMENT THAT CURRENTLY REPRESENTS THE STATE OF KAMPUCHIA.

IN DOING SO, THE USG CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT THE GDK WAS AN EGREGIOUS VIOLATOR OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ITS CITIZENS AND SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE CASTIGATED ON THAT SCORE, AND THAT OUR VIEWS ON CREDENTIALS SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED AS SUPPORT FOR THE POL POT REGIME ITSELF.

9. FYI: ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE ARMED FORCES OF THE GDK HAVE EXHIBITED A SURPRISING DEGREE OF RESILIENCE AND CONTINUE TO OPPOSE THE INVADING VIETNAMESE AND VIETNAMESE-BASED PRK FORCES BY GUERRILLA-TYPE ACTIONS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE GDK HAS THE CURRENT AND FUTURE

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CAPABILITIES TO RESIST FOR SOME TIME TO COME. END FYI.

10. POSTS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY ADVISE SHOULD INDIVIDUALS CLAIMING TO REPRESENT PRK APPLY FOR VISAS OR MAKE BIDS TO REPRESENT KAMPUCHEA AT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS, AND OF ANY DISCUSSIONS GENERATED BY HOST GOVERNMENTS RE-

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